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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON OATUU CONFERENCE

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF MAURITANIA'S LABOR UNION, CHEIKH MELAININE ROBERT, HEADED MAURITANIAN DELEGATION AT MEETING IN TRIPOLI APRIL 20-23 OF SECOND CONGRESS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU). UPON RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT HE COMMENTED TO PRESS THAT PRUPOSE OF CONGRESS WAS TO EXAMINE BALANCE SHEET OF OATUU ACTIVITIES, TO DEFINE ACTION PROGRAM FOR MONTHS AHEAD, AND TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES IN OATUU STRUCTURE AFTER THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. ROBERT DESCRIBED CONGRESS AS SUCCESS, NOTING THAT 42 AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE PRESENT AND UNANIMOUS VIEWS WERE ALWAYS REACHED IN SPITE OF OCCASIONAL, LIVELY DISCUSSIONS.

2. ROBERT SAID IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS COVERED TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICAN CONTINENT, RACISM, ZIONISM, AND CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS DETERIORATION OF TERMS OF TRADE AND MULTINATINAL SOCIETIES. CONGRESS REPORTEDLY TOOK SYMPATHETIC INTEREST IN WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4-17 IN GENEVA AND URGED AFRICAN COUNTIRES TO BE WELL REPRESENTED. ROBERT

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ADDED THAT CONGRESS WAS PARTICULAR SUCCESS FOR

MAURITANIA BECAUSE EFFORTS BY ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO
RAISE WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION FAILED.HANDYSIDE

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